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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: OH, TAYLOR V.

SERIAL NO. : 09/659,821

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1623

FILED: SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

FOR: METHOD OF NOVEL
NONCATALYTIC ORGANIC
SYNTHESIS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, the period for response having been extended to January 3, 2003, by a petition for extension of time filed herewith, please amend the application identified above as follows (marked-up copy of amendments attached):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-2 as follows.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of non catalytic organic synthesis in a reaction that proceeds using OH⁻, which comprises performing said reaction in the absence of catalyst without addition of any basic catalyst in supercritical water or subcritical water of at least 350°C with a reaction time of 10-400 seconds, utilizing a supply of OH⁻ from said water.